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The Government of Japan signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on 7 February 1983 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jamaica. The Government of Japan intends to participate actively in the work of the Preparatory Commission, which is to be established in March. Japan finds, as do other major industrialized countries, the régime concerning deep sea-bed mining as laid down in the Convention to be unsatisfactory, and is prepared to explore the ways and means for improving this aspect of the régime through close consultations with other interested States. The Government of Japan will make the final decision regarding the ratification of the Convention by taking into account all important relevant factors, such as the results of the Preparatory Commission's work and the positions of other States, including industrialized countries, on the question of ratification.